

FISCAL NOTE
SB 2472 - HB 2774

February 14, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires new incoming students at any public or private higher education institution in this state who live in on-campus student housing either to be vaccinated against meningococcal disease or to elect a waiver. A waiver shall indicate that the institution has provided information to the student concerning the disease and the availability of the vaccine and that the student and the parent has received and reviewed the information and has chosen not to have the student vaccinated. A student who is eighteen years of age may sign the waiver, or if the student is a minor, the parent may sign the waiver.

The higher education institution is not required to provide or purchase vaccine against meningococcal disease. The Tennessee Higher Education Commission is authorized to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000

Estimate assumes:

- There are approximately 20,000 new incoming students each year at public and private higher education institutions. A significant number of these students will sign a waiver and choose not to receive the vaccination.
- The cost of the meningococcal vaccine is approximately \$60 per person.
- A significant number of students electing to take the vaccination will go to their local doctor.
- While many of these students or their parents would pay for the vaccine from a private physician, others may receive the vaccine from the local health department. Although the bill does not require the local health department to provide such vaccination for these students, should such local health departments provide these students with a vaccine, the net cost (after recovering all or a portion of the cost from students vaccinated) is estimated to be less than \$100,000.
- any costs associated with distribution of any information concerning this disease to students or parents and providing waiver forms is estimated to be not significant to the institutions and can be absorbed within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director